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**Subject:** Microsoft Case

To the United States Department of Justice,

I am sending this letter in response to the U.S. Department of Justice's acceptance of public comments on the Microsoft Case.

I do not think that Microsoft has violated any laws. This is why I think so:

Microsoft is not a monopoly. A monopoly is only possible when other companies are not allowed to enter the marketplace by law, and Microsoft does not create or enforce the law.

Microsoft has never used force in the marketplace. Microsoft has never told businesses to do something at the point of a gun. They trade only when the transaction will benefit them. To survive in the free marketplace, a business cannot sacrifice itself to others and be successful.

Microsoft has not violated any businesses or individual rights. The only possible way to violate another's rights is to steal, damage or destroy private property (from the first form of property, a person's body, on up to material and intellectual property).

I think the attack on Microsoft is illegal because:

To tell Microsoft to give away their source code is a violation of property rights. They have purchased or developed their code legally, by themselves. It is intellectual property, and it is theirs.

To break up the company is to violate their property rights. The company has a right to their property (everything from buildings to software source code), and therefore the right to bundle, integrate, or offer separately their software in any manner they choose. If someone does not like Microsoft software, buy something else. (There is Apple and Linux, to name a few, amongst others).

Microsoft has brought value to the marketplace by offering affordable, well designed solutions that individuals all over the world use and enjoy. They have brought immeasurable profits and benefits to the businesses and individuals that use their software, enhancing their productivity by leaps and bounds. If Microsoft was no good at what they do, they would not be successful. People would not buy their products. The only legal and moral way to end Microsoft's grip on the marketplace is to produce something better than Microsoft has.

In order for humans to survive, they must think. Reason is not automatic. Those who choose to think have the chance of survival. Survival is not guaranteed, because some will be better at thinking than others. The Constitution of the United States, which is based on this idea, does not guarantee a businesses survival in the marketplace. They are not entitled to x number of customers, or x percent market share. They are not guaranteed subsidies from the American people or a share of another's ideas. Business is based on the law of survival. If you can produce something that is good, that people are willing to buy, then you will survive. Do not, and you will not. Microsoft embodies this principle. They have succeeded. People like, use and want their software.

I think that America is the best place on earth, because it is the only one based on true, moral principles.

The ideas, that one is entitled to something just because it exists, that have motivated the attacks on Microsoft is what will send us all to hell in a hand basket. These ideas are based on Altruism, the foundation of everything that is anti-American. America became great because it enforced the rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness, not the guarantee of happiness. I hope that these rights will still be defended, and that Microsoft will be left to do business as usual, their way.

Thank you for your consideration,

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